(c) In order to encourage fish farming in the inland fisheries potential States, IDA assisted Inland Fisheries Project is under implementation in 5 States *viz*, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal. Under the Project the National Bank is associated in refinancing for fish pond development programme and construction of hatchery programme for production of quality fish seed. The Project envisages fish farming in 1,17,000 hectares water area and establishment of 27 hatcheries in the five States. Refinance facilities are also extended for construction of fish farm and hatcheries for production of quality fish seed and for providing infrastructure facilities, such as transport vehicle, fish stall, etc.

Extensive income tax raids in Delhi

44. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING:
SHRI M. BASAVARAJU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the 'Times of India' on the 3rd July, 1985 to the effect that extensive raids by the Income Tax officials in Delhi have revealed large scale tax evasion having Nepali connection;

(b) if so, what are the names of the concerns whose premises have been raided and what are the other details in this regard; and

(c) by when the investigation in the matter is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Income-tax Department carried out searches on 13.6.1985 in the cases of the following concerns engaged in manufacturing and trading of 'Kattha':

1. M|s. Shankar Trading Co. (P) Ltd.
2. M|s. Bishan Das Girdhari Lal (P) Ltd.
3. M|s. Mehta Rural Development Co. (P) Ltd.
4. M|s. Bishan Das Girdhari Lal.
5. M|s. Ganesh Research Institute.
6. M|s. Mehta Charitable Prajayanlaya.

Investigation is in progress. However, it is not possible to fix any time limit for completion of investigation.

Seizure of unaccounted gold etc. in Madhya Pradesh

45. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Income-tax authorities have recently seized unaccounted gold, silver and currency notes from some business establishments in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Income-tax Department recently conducted searches at Indore and Sagar in Madhya Pradesh resulting in seizure of prima facie unaccounted cash of Rs. 6.81 lakhs and other valuable assets including gold, silver, jewellery and ornaments and other assets valued at Rs. 60.96 lakhs approximately.

Sale of coffee to the USSR

46. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 35,000 tonnes of coffee have been sold at a discount of 40 per cent to the USSR during the year 1984-85;

(b) whether it is a fact that as a result of this sale the coffee industry has suffered heavily; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to prevent such losses in future?